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ERDA FOR HELFRICH AND SIEVERING
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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CANADA/ROMANIA NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS

REF: BUCHAREST 1247

1. SUMMARY. STANCIU'S MAIN CONCERN WAS WHETHER GOC SERIOUS ABOUT GOING AHEAD. ALSO INTERESTED IN FINANCING AND MET WITH MINISTERS GILLESPIE AND CHRETIEN, EDC, AND CNES, AS WELL AS AECL, TO SEEK FURTHER ASSURANCES. MAJOR PROBLEMS DISCUSSED WERE COSTS AND CONDITIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND RE-EXPORT OF CANDUS. PROBABLY MAY EARLIEST DATE FOR WRAP-UP OF AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. SCICOUNS MET WITH LEAIST AND CARROTHERS OF AECL ON 7 MARCH 1977. STANCIU LEFT OTTAWA ON 3 MARCH. OLERIU STILL HERE AND VASILESCU EXPECTED TO GO TO TORONTO FOR DETAILED TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AECL ENGINEERING. STANCIU'S VISIT NOT ENCOURAGED BY AECL BUT HE CAME ANYWAY. HE SEEMED QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER GOC REALLY WANTS TO PROCEED WITH PROGRAM. ALSO INTERESTED IN COSTS AND
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FINANCING. SPENT MUCH OF TIME WITH AECL DISCUSSING PRICE AND GUARANTEES ON CANDU LICENSING PACKAGE. WAS TOLD AECL WOULD ONLY QUOTE PRICE WITH ESCALATION, NOT FIXED PRICE. PRICE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES STILL NOT SETTLED BECAUSE OF LACK OF DATA ON CONDITIONS AND COSTS TO SUPPORT AECL ENGINEERS IN ROMANIA. AECL WORRIED ABOUT INFLATION IN SUCH COSTS AND DOES NOT INTEND TO SUBSIDIZE.

3. STANCIU SOUGHT ASSURANCES OF GOC'S INTENTIONS AND OF FINANCING BY MEETING WITH ENERGY MINISTER GILLESPIE, INDUSTRY TRADE AND COMMERCE MINISTER CHRETIEN; THE EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE CANADIAN NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS, AS WELL AS WITH AECL AND EXTAFF.

4. NO DISCUSSION OF SAFEGUARDS AS GOR PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO ACCEPT GOC'S 1974 GUIDELINES AND IS NPT SIGNATORY. ALTHOUGH GOC NOT WILLING TO CONSIDER RE-EXPORT AT THIS TIME, AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY CONTAIN LANGUAGE SUCH AS "AFTER CONTRACT IS UNDERWAY FOR TWO YEARS, PARTIES WILL RECONSIDER QUESTION OF RE-EXPORT" TO HELP STANCIU SELL PROGRAM AT HOME.

5. NEXT STEP IS TRIP OF AECL WORKING LEVEL GROUP TO ROMANIA IN APRIL TO TIE DOWN DETAIL. THIS TO BE FOLLOWED BY AECL PRESIDENT FOSTER VISIT IN MAY OR JUNE IF ALL SYSTEMS STILL "GO." ENDERS

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